



## News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &  
Thunder Basin National Grassland  
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### **Conditions Prompt Routt National Forest to Lift Fire Restrictions**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) August 9, 2012** –In coordination with other federal, state and local agencies in northern Colorado, effective August 9, fire restrictions are rescinded on the Routt National Forest. While several factors are considered in fire restriction decisions, increased fuel moistures, the reduced occurrence of human-caused fires, and favorable long-term fire weather forecasts helped influence this decision.

Although fire restrictions have been lifted on the Routt National Forest, federal lands within Jackson County remain under Stage 1 restrictions due to county ordinance. In the Jackson County portion of the Routt National Forest, visitors can only use campfires and charcoal grills in developed/designated campgrounds and picnic areas. Open fires are prohibited outside of these areas.

For questions regarding the Jackson County ordinance please contact the Sheriff's Department at 970-723-8427.

Despite July's abundant monsoon rains, overall drought conditions are predicted to persist over the next several weeks. Forest visitors are advised to use caution when building and maintaining campfires. Always make sure that campfires are dead out, meaning that coals and other burned materials are cool before leaving a fire unattended.

For more information contact the following Forest Service Offices, go to our website at <http://fs.usda.gov/mbf>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

- Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, (970)870-2299
- Parks Ranger District, 100 Main Street, Walden, CO, (970)723-2700
- Yampa Ranger District, 300 Roselawn Avenue, Yampa, CO, (970)638-4516
- Forest Supervisor's Office, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY, (307)745-2300

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